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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT III

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Sir:


Applicant submits the enclosed patent document for the assistance of the Examiner in the consideration of the present case. Applicant regrets that the document was not supplied earlier; Applicant's attorney only became aware of it after the issuance of the present action, in the course of literature study concerning a different invention.

British Patent Application 2,125,401A shows nucleosides, said to be useful against Herpes diseases, which are desoxyuridine derivatives wherein the sugar moiety may have a single fluorine atom at the 2-position. The patent's compounds are therefore obviously distinct from the present nucleosides, which must have 2,2-difluoro substitution. It is also noticeable that the British application's base moieties have a saturated alkyl substituent on the ring, which is not permissible in any of the bases used in the present compounds.

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Thus, the British application is not seen to be more important than the previously-cited articles and patents which show mono-fluoro compounds, but it is mentioned in order to complete the record and to assure that the Examiner is fully informed.

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